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Letter dated 15 November 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the statement of the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia of 12 November 1994.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 70, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dragomir DJOKIĆ
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

ANNEX

Statement of the Government of Yugoslavia of 12 November 1994

The Federal Government received with regret the news on the order given by the President of the United States of America to the United States ships within the fleet of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in the Adriatic to allow passage as of today to all vessels carrying arms to the Muslim and Croat side in the civil war in the former Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The decision of the United States Government is not in the interest of peace and a political solution to the crisis in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Such a decision is conducive to creating conditions for a dangerous escalation of the war and actually undermines the peace process by encouraging the war option instead.

The United States is thus becoming more openly and directly involved in the civil war by aligning itself with the Muslim side, which is currently launching military offensives from the United Nations-designated "safe areas", in violation of the cease-fire agreement.

Deeply concerned over the negative developments caused primarily by those who encouraged them, the Federal Government is firmly convinced that there is no viable alternative to peace and a just and lasting political solution to the crisis in the former Bosnia and Herzegovina, based on a compromise.

All responsible factors should contribute towards such solutions, instead of encouraging those who perpetuate the crisis by resorting to further escalation of the war.

The Federal Government reiterates its commitment to the plan of the Contact Group as a solid basis for further negotiations and calls upon all States to refrain, in accordance with the principles and relevant decisions of the United Nations, from any measures or acts that undermine the peace process.